

Mme. Chiang Warns On Loss of Quemoy

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CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek said today that loss of the Quemoy-Matsu islands would make American foreign policy pronouncements "look ridiculous in the eyes of the world."

The wife of the President of Nationalist China told the American Legion Auxiliary that these islands in the Formosa Strait, just off the Red Chinese mainland, are "the ramparts of the free world."

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Mme. Chiang, noting the renewed threat to these Nationalist outposts from Red China's military forces backed by Soviet promises of aid, warned:

"If this state of affairs is allowed to continue, and specifically the foreign policy pronouncements of the United States are made to look ridiculous in the eyes of the world, then Communist tyranny will overrun and overpower not only the non-Communist areas of Asia, but in time the Western Hemisphere as well; for greed is whetted on success, and the appetite for aggrandizement becomes insatiable when opportunities for its gratification are presented everywhere and anywhere unchallenged."

In her speech, Mme. Chiang reported that many Chinese on the mainland are starving because Red China considers staple foods such as rice and wheat as "exportable products to Russia." Flood and erosion have made famine a bane of China, she said, but present food shortages there are "man-made."

In southern China, she added,

"reports have it that both men and women in the rural districts are compelled to shave off their hair because of the ostensible Communist purpose of using human hair as fertilizer."

Mme. Chiang, a Wellesley graduate who has been in the United States since she flew to New York for a medical check-up late in May, praised the American Legion and its auxiliary for never wavering in support of Nationalist China and its "island bastion" of Formosa. "The feet of other groups," she observed, "have stumbled on co-existence, Red China trade, the two-China myth, and cultural exchanges with Chinese Communists."

During her more than three months' stay in the United States, she said, she has had "conflicting forebodings and a double sense of tragedy and hope." She explained:

"Because of our attitude in accommodating at all costs, the wily Russian Communist leaders have been able to use 'summitry' conferences both as a sounding board for their intrigues and also to serve as political snares redounding to their advantage."

"The Communist record to conquer by default, deceit, chicanery and duplicity surpasses anything we know in history."

The present Communist regime, Mme. Chiang added, is "more devious." She said Iraq was the "latest example" of Communist aggression. She disputed claims that Iraq's revolt was "entirely inspired from within," arguing that "this could not have been in the circumstance of Nasser-Soviet intrigue."